

NMAA Bylaws Committee Meeting
April 7, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Virtual

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, at 11:03 a.m. Mr. Young conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Kevin Lackey
Mr. Jory Mirabal
Mr. Ben Tensay
Mr. Britt Cooper
Mr. Alan Edmonson
Mr. Adrian Ortega
Mr. Isaac Gamboa
Ms. Taryn Bachis
Mr. Angel Castillo
Ms. Arelene Anglada
Ms. Michelle Ronga
Mr. Stewart Burnett
Mr. Sergio Castanon
Mr. Gary Boatman
Ms. Rainy Crisp

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15 members were present.

Not Present:

Ms. Debra Sena Holton
Ms. Robbie Robinson
Mr. Adrian Pete
Mr. Scott Affentranger

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Young asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Gamboa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025, Bylaws Committee Meeting as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Bylaws Committee Meeting as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Discussion Items:

Section 6 of NMAA Handbook: Eligibility Bylaws – Mr. Young led a discussion on possible adjustments to eligibility bylaws listed in Section 6 of the NMAA Handbook. This included adjustments to 8th grade eligibility at the high school level so that students could open enroll within the school/district they are attending. Feedback from larger districts included changing this to allow eligibility at “feeder” high schools only. Transfer students were then discussed which

included a follow up on the one-time free transfer for students discussed at the last meeting. Feedback again included support to move forward with a proposal, but to ensure that recruitment/following a coach rules were still intact and communicated thoroughly both in the bylaws and on the transfer forms. Large districts also stated that these transfers should also be approved by their own local policies. Timing of transfers would also be considered – proposed that if a transfer occurs after the practice start date, students would be ineligible for a certain period of time at all levels. Feedback included adjusting this to sub-varsity only and not allowing varsity participation after the practice start date. Subsequent transfers would be handled the same way they currently are with certain exceptions granting eligibility (i.e. bona fide residence changes, parent to parent moves, cancellation of program, did not participate). Feedback supported the continued use of these exceptions. Because of the proposed changes that would grant more flexibility for transfers, the NMAA Hardship Committee would be discontinued and any Hardship related transfers that result in an ineligible ruling would go straight to the NMAA Appeals Committee for review. Overall, the group supported the proposed changes. Mr. Young stated that minor updates would again be made based on Committee feedback and bullet points of these changes would then be sent out to the full membership for review. This will allow for schools to provide insight and ask questions prior to a final proposal being presented to the NMAA Commission in May and then the NMAA Board in June. The Committee may reconvene prior to the Commission Meeting to go over any potential changes/concerns that come from the membership.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Young asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Mr. Tensay made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).